(b) whether there would be any decentralized bank network also for doing so;

(c) to what extent and on what conditions, loans from these banks would be provided alongwith the details thereof;

(d) the percentage of the unemployed persons likely to get employment from such enterprises; and

(e) the amount planned to be spent in the Eleventh Five Year Plan for the same?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) Though micro and small enterprises are set up basically through entrepreneurial effort, the State and Central Governments have serveral schemes and programmes for facilitating their establishment and development throughout the country, including rural areas.

(b) and (c) The micro and small enterprises are provided loans by the scheduled commercial banks (including regional rural banks) that have branch network spread across the country. The loans provided to the micro and a small enterprises comes under the priority sector lending of the scheduled commercial banks. The Reserve Bank of India has issued detailed guidelines on lending to the micro and small enterprises, which, *inter alia*, include time limit for disposal of loan applications, loan limit for dispensation of collateral requirements, sanction of composite loans, etc.

(d) Against the target of 44 lakh employment opportunities during the Tenth Plan, an estimated 60.23 lakh employments were provided by the micro and small enterprises sector during the same period. Overall 312.52 lakh people are employed by micro and small enterprises in the country.

(e) The allocations under the Eleventh Five Year Plan have not been finalized by the Central Government so far. However, the Budget Estimate for the Ministry of MSME for the financial year 2007-08 is Rs. 1642 crores.

Collection and utilization of money collected through Railway Safety Surcharge

2060. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the collection and utilization of the money collected through railway safety surcharge, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry proposes to subsume such surcharge in the passenger fare despite the reservation expressed by the Parliamentary Committee on Railways; and

(c) what would be the likely impact of such inclusion on passenger fares?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) the appropriation to Special Railway Safety Fund (SRSF) have been made from the following sources:

1. Safety Surcharge collected from the Passenger.

2. Allocation from Railway Revenue.

3. Amount received from Central Revenue.

The year-wise details of appropriation of SRSF and Expenditure allocated to SRSF is as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Safety Surcharge collected from passenger	Allocated from Railway Revenue	Amount received from General Revenue	Expenditure
2001-02	304.86	150.24	1000.00	1434.28
2002-03	602.51	585.40	1350.00	2486.31
2003-04	631.41	361.41	1600.00	2583.77
2004-05	679.16	100.00	2975.00	3677.78
2005-06	748.60	0.00	2499.00	2783.14
2006-07	817.66	0.00	1365.00	1955.60

(b) Yes, Sir. The Railway Safety Surcharge now stands subsumed in Passenger Fares on as is where is basis in the form of a Development Charge with effect from 01.04.2007.

(c) There is no effect on the chargeable Passenger Fares of any class.

Unhygienic condition in compartments and on platforms

2061. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways is operating a number of trains carrying lakhs of passengers daily;

(b) whether there are innumerable complaints against unhygienic situation in the compartments and on the platforms, particularly the shabby condition of the toilets in the compartments, and the quality of the food served to the passengers and the blankets and bed sheets distributed among the passengers is mostly unwashed;

(c) whether this has greatly impacted our earnings from the tourism sector since a number of foreign tourists are now avoiding travelling by the trains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the Centre's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railways have made special efforts to improve the standard of cleanliness and hygiene with focus in the under noted areas:

(i) Enroute cleaning at 'Clean Train Stations'.

(ii) On Board Cleaning and Housekeeping.

(iii) Mechanised rake cleaning in the depots through professional agencies.